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My dear Bro

You recieved a letter from me a few days since stating I would be in princeton on friday next to attend the meeting of the "Soc. of Inquiry". And now I am compelled to inform you that it will be out of my power to accomplish what I proposed. Busineſs connected with my preparations for embarkation calls me to Baltimore this week. I aſsure you that it is a matter of deep regret that I cannot be with you. I had cherished the hope that I would have the opportunity & the privilege of pleading the cause of suffering Africa with the Brethren, but this I cannot. I would however venture to ask an interest in their prayers. The cause of miſsions to Western Africa has arrived at a critical point - Many, since the recent deaths at Liberia, are desponding - no one is willing to go with us & upon our lives & the contemplated effort to

Cape palmas, much depends. I feel sanguine that this place & may others on the Western Coast are accessible to missionaries. We must not abandon this part of the world, until it is finally settled that it is irrecoverable – until the promise "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God" shall be made to read "shall not stretch out her hands

Our researches in that country, though partial & limitted, have fully satisfied our minds that the people are in peculiar readiness for the reception of the Gospel. Their desires to have missionaries live among them were really touching

I will receive public instructions in this city about the 20th of Oct. next, & would be glad to see ay of the Brethren who may find it convenient to be present.

Very affectionately yours

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Kind regards to all the Brethren of my acquaintance

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